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COMMITTEE OF THREE

DRAFT FORMAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
(to be Annexed to the Report)

The Committee of Three, consisting of Dr. Gaetano Martino (Italy), Mr. Halvard Lange (Norway) and Mr. Lester B. Pearson (Canada) was established by the North Atlantic Council in Ministerial Session on 5th May, 1956, with the following terms of reference:

" . . . to advise the Council on ways and means to improve and extend NATO co-operation in non-military fields and to develop greater unity within the Atlantic Community."

2. The Committee held its first meetings from 20th to 22nd June, 1956, at NATO Headquarters in Paris. During these discussions, the procedure to be followed by the Committee was established, and it was decided to send a Questionnaire to each NATO member government in order to obtain its views on a number of specific problems with respect to co-operation in the political, economic, cultural and information fields and regarding the organization and functions of NATO. In addition, the Committee issued a memorandum containing explanatory notes and guidance to assist countries in the preparation of their replies to the Questionnaire. The Questionnaire was circulated on 28th June, 1956, and governments were requested to submit their replies by 20th August.

3. The Committee reassembled in Paris on 10th September, 1956, and held a series of meetings lasting until the 22nd of that month. After having examined and analysed the replies to the Questionnaire, the Committee held consultations with each member country individually. The purpose of these consultations was to clarify, where necessary, the position taken by governments in their replies, and to discuss with the representatives of other governments in a preliminary way certain views of the Committee.

4. The consultations took place in the following order:

Wednesday, 12th September a.m. Iceland (represented by Mr. H.G. Andersen, Permanent Representative of Iceland to the North Atlantic Council)

p.m. Turkey (represented by Mr. N. Birgi, Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

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Thursday, 13th September a.m. The Netherlands (represented by Mr. J.W. Beyen, Minister for Foreign Affairs)

p.m. Greece (represented by Mr. Averoff, Minister for Foreign Affairs)

Friday, 14th September a.m. Belgium (represented by Mr. P.H. Spaak, Minister for Foreign Affairs)

p.m. Germany (represented by Professor Hallstein, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs)

Monday, 17th September a.m. Luxembourg (represented by Mr. M.J. Bech, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs)

a.m. France (represented by Mr. C. Pineau, Minister for Foreign Affairs)

p.m. United States (represented by Senator George, special representative of President Eisenhower)

p.m. Portugal (represented by Mr. P. Cunha, Minister for Foreign Affairs)

Tuesday, 18th September a.m. Denmark (represented by Mr. Ernst Christiansen, Deputy Foreign Minister)

p.m. United Kingdom (represented by Mr. Anthony Nutting, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs)

5. In addition the Committee met with the following groups:

(a) On Wednesday, 12th September, meeting with the Standing Committee of the Conference of Members of Parliament from NATO Countries, consisting of the following persons:

Belgium	Mr. Frans Van Cauwelaert Mr. A. de Meeler
Canada	Senator, The Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson, P.C.
France	Mr. Maurice Schumann
Germany	Herr F. Berendsen Dr. Richard Jaeger

Netherlands	Mr. J.J. Fens Mr. J.L. Kranenburg Mr. E.A. Vermeer
Turkey	Colonel Seyfi Kurtbek
United Kingdom	Colonel Walter Elliot, C.H., M.C., M.P.
United States	Congressman Wayne L. Hays, M.C.

- (b) On Saturday, 15th September, meeting with the Atlantic Treaty Association, represented by:

Count Morra, Chairman  
Dr. Nord, Vice-Chairman  
Dr. Flynt, Vice Chairman, and  
Mr. John Eppstein, Secretary General

and a number of delegates from national member organizations.

- (c) On Tuesday, 18th September, meeting with General Billotte and Mr. Barton, representing the Signatories of the Declaration of Atlantic Unity.

6. As a result of these consultations a draft report to the Council was prepared. In this work the Committee benefitted from the expert advice of three special consultants. They were Professor Lincoln Gordon (Harvard University), Professor Guido Carli (Rome) and Dr. Robert Major (Oslo).

7. (Paragraph about the meeting in November and its results).

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